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2. Because of this policy of planting opium, there is a serious famine in Yunnan, and anti-government (non-Communist) popular forces have taken one town in north Yunnan. The Communists are taking full advantage of the popular discontent and, led by LI Chia-p'ing, have taken Ssumao (101-04, 22-47), southwest Yunnan.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Reported food shortages and peasant rebellions in Yunnan are confirmed in general from other sources. It is doubtful that the cause for them is a deliberately-planned planting of opium, under pressure from LU Han, with a resulting shortage of acreage planted in food crops.

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably the arms are purchased from the French.

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25X1A *** Comment. The name usually given for the Yunnan Communist leader is CHU Chia-p'i, deputy commander of the Kwangsi-Yunnan-Kweichow Border Column.

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